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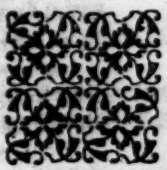

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Creation.

Question.

WHo made thee?

Answere.

a God.

Q. What is God?

A. He is b Almightie, the c maker and d gouernour of all things.

Q. Wherefore did he make thee?

A. e To serue him.

Q. How oughtest thou to serue him?

A. f As he hath appointed in his lawes.

Q. Which be they?

A. g God spake all these wordes, and said, Thou shalt haue none other Gods before me, &c

Q. Canst thou fulfill all these Commaundementes without breaking anie one of them?

A. No, though I vow all that I can, yet I breake them euery daye, in h thought

a Isay 44.2 Psal. 139. 13.14. 15
b Gen. 17.1 Iere. 32.18 19.
c Gen. 2.4. 5. Isay 44.24.
d Iere. 10. 23. prou. 21.30 31.
e Deut. 10. 12. Iosu. 22.5
f Deut. 12. 32. Psal. 119.4 Of the Law
g Exod. 20 Deut. 5.6
h Matth. 19. 19.

Rom. 7. 18 19. thought, word, and deede.

Q. What punishment is there appointed for the breach of these commaundements.

i Deut. 27. 26. mat. 25. 41. A. i The curse of God, which is eternall destruction both of bodie and soule.

REDEMPTION.

Q. By what meanes then shalt thou escape this punishment?

k Gal. 3. 13. col. 2. 14. 15. A. k Onely by Jesus Christ.

l Mat. 17. 5 heb. 1. 2. 3 Q. What is Jesus Christ?

m Phil. 2. 8. heb. 5. 7. 8. 9 A. He is the l eternall sonne of God.

Q. What hath he done for thee?

A. Hee m suffered the tormentes of death for me.

n Isa. 9. 6. Rom. 9. 5. Q. Christ Jesus was God, and how then could he die?

o 1. Tim. 2. 5. phil. 2. 6. 7. A. Christ Jesus was both n God and o man, and in that hee was God, hee could not die: but being man, hee died p for my sinnes, and rose againe to make me righteous.

p Rom. 4. 25. 1. Pet. 2. 24.

Of Faith.

q Iohn. 3. 18 36. acts. 13 48. Q. Are all men then saued by his death

A. No, none are saued, q but such as lay hold on him by a liuely faith.

r Ephe. 3. 12 col. 2. 5. 7. Q. What is a liuely faith?

s Ephes. 3. 17. A. A liuely faith is a r full perswasion of my s heart, grounded vpon the

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t promises of GOD: that whatsoeuer Christ hath done for the saluation of mã, he hath done it as well u for me as for a my others.

Q. Where is the sum of your faith?

A. In the Creede: I beleeue in God the Father &c.

Acts 15. 9. z Rom. 4. 18 21. heb 11. 11 a Iohn 20. 28. Gal. 2. 30

SANCTIFICATION.

Q. How commest thou by this faith?

A. The holy Ghost doth worke it v inwardly in my heart, by the outwarde x preaching of his worde.

Q. How is this saith increased & made strong in vs?

A. y By hearing the same worde preached, and vsing the Sacraments.

Q. What be Sacraments?

A. Sacraments be outward z signes ordeined of God, and are left as a seales and pledges of those benefits of our saluation which wee receiue in Christ to strengthen our faith.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two, b Baptisme and the Lordes supper.

Q. What profite hast thou by Baptisme?

A. I beleeue that by Baptisme my

Of Preaching.

v Act. 16. 14 Iohn 6 45 x Rom. 10. 14. 17. acts 11. 14. 2 Thes. 1. 3 2 Tim. 4. 18

Of the Sacraments.

z Gen. 17. 11. exod. 12. 13. a Rom. 4. 11. 1. cor. 10. 16. 17.

b 1. Cor. 10 11. 2. 3. 4.

c Acts 22. 16. & 2. 38.
d Ephe. 1. 7. 1 Pet. 1. 2.
e Heb. 10. 22. Acts 15. 9.

sinnes are forgiuen me: for as the water washeth the filthe of my body: so I beleeue that the d bloud of Christ being sprinckled vpon my soule by the e hande of faith, doeth washe mee from all my sinnes.

Q. What profit hast thou by the vse of the Lordes supper?

f Mat. 26. 26. 27. 1 Cor. 11. 23. 24. 25.
g 1. Cor. 1. 30. 2. cor. 5. 21.
b Rom. 4. 11. ephe. 1. 13.

A. As I receiue the f bread and wine into my body to become wholy mine: so I beleeue that my soule receiueth with all Christ Jesus with g his death and righteousnesse to the h sealing vp of my euerlasting saluation.

Q. Seeing that they which receiue these mysteries vnworthily, eate and drinke their owne condemnation: how oughtest thou to prepare thy selfe to the right receiuing of them?

i 1. Cor. 11. 28. 2. Cor. 13. 5. k 2. Thes. 2. 15. 1. Cor. 16. 13.

A. First I muste i examine my selfe whether I k stande strongly in the true faith of Jesus Christ or no.

l Mat. 26. 75. 2. Cor. 7. 9. 10. m Psal. 51. 17. Rom. 7. 24.

Secondly, whether I find my heart l inwardly greeued for my sinnes with an m hatred and lothing of the same.

n Mat. 5. 24. Heb. 12. 14. o Mat. 18. 22.

Thirdly, if any offence bee betwixt others and mee, that I n reconcile my selfe vnto them, and o forgiue them e-

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men as Christ hath forgiuen me. Colo. 3. 12 13.

Q. Is not prayer a speciall meanes to increase our faith.

A. Yea it is p a speciall helpe. Of Praier.

Q. How ought'st thou then to pray? p Acts 4. 29. 31. Luke 17. 5.

A. Onely q to God in the name of Iesus Christ. q Iohn 16 23. Iames. 1. 5.

Q. What forme of prayer teacht thou vnto? r Mat. 6. 9. Luke 11. 2.

A. That which the r Lorde Iesus taught his Apostles.

Q. What is that?

A. Our father which art in heauen, &c

Q. Howe vnderstandest thou this prayer?

A. This prayer conteyneth fiue petitions: whereof the first three are appointed onely to Gods glorie: the other three belong vnto vs, wherein wee aske things necessarie both for soule and bodie.

Finis.

OPen our eyes O Lord that wee may see the wonderous things of thy law: that by them as by a glasse we may see our owne weakenesse, and by our weaknes our wickednesse, and

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by them both our accursednesse: then cause thy sweete comforts and consolations conteined in thy Gospell, to shine into our soules, by a true and a liuely faith in Christ Iesus: beseeching thee that our drie and stonie hearts, may by the sweete dewes and showers of thy heauenly spirit, be so moistened and softned, that as good ground they may euer be yeelding forth good fruit to the glorifying of thy name, to the suppressing of sinne, and increasing of vertue, through Christ our Sauiour, Amen.